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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER INTERVIEW ON GOE FOREIGN POLICY INCLUD-  
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REF: QUITO 1178

SUMMARY: IN WIDE RANGING TV INTERVIEW MAY 15, FOREIGN  
MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES REAFFIRMED GOE COMMITMENT TO 200 MILE  
"THESIS" BUT AGAIN LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION ON CONTENT  
OF JURISDICTION WITHIN 200 MILES. LUCIO REITERATED OFFICIAL  
GOE POSITION THAT RELATIONS WITH PERU ARE GOOD. ON CUBA  
HE REPEATED GOE VIEW THAT OAS SHOULD FREE EACH LATIN  
AMERICAN COUNTRY TO DECIDE ITS OWN CUBA POLICY BUT UNTIL  
SUCH STEP IS TAKEN ECUADOR WILL ABIDE BY POSITION OF OAS  
CONSULTATIVE ORGAN. FINALLY, LUCIO PRAISED PROCESS OF NEW  
DIALOGUE AT MEXICO AND WASHINGTON MFM'S STATING THAT  
DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN FRANK AND RESULTS POSITIVE. END  
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SUMMARY

2. IN WIDE RANGING TV INTERVIEW MAY 15, GOE FOREIGN MINISTER REVIEWED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF GOE FOREIGN POLICY. THIS WAS LUCIO'S FIRST PUBLIC TOUR D'HORIZON SINCE MID-FEBRUARY INTERVIEW ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF REGIME (SEE REFTEL.)

3. ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR TWO HUNDRED MILERS AT FORTH-COMING CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, LUCIO SAID THAT PROSPECTS FOR TRIUMPH OF 200 MILE "THESIS" AT CARACAS WERE GOOD. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE "TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE APPROACHES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WITH SOME CALLING THE 200 MILE ZONE PATRIMONIAL, OTHERS CALLING IT ECONOMIC AND YET OTHERS CALLING IT TERRITORIAL SEA. AND HE CONCLUDED BY REFERRING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS PUBLISHED HERE OF INCREASING SENTIMENT IN THE US CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE US FOR 200 MILES.

4. ASKED ABOUT REGIONAL RELATIONS AND PERU'S CALL FOR AN ARMS MORATORIUM, LUCIO SAID ECUADOR IS A PACIFIST COUNTRY AND PERU/ECUADOR RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT CONTINUE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN ECUADOR HAD SET ASIDE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ITS "TRADITIONAL TERRITORIAL POLICY."

5. ON CUBA, LUCIO SAID THAT IN VIEW OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OAS SHOULD RECONSIDER CUBAN QUESTION AND FREE EACH NATION TO DECIDE ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY. HOWEVER, ECUADOR IS FAITHFUL TO THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM AND, UNTIL THE MATTER IS RECONSIDERED BY THE OAS, WILL ABIDE BY THE POSITION OF THE OAS CONSULTATIVE ORGAN. (FYI: ON MAY 14, GOE FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR OAS AFFAIRS, RAMIRO SILVA DE POZO, TOLD EMBOFF THAT BEHIND-THE-SCENES PRESSURE FOR NEW POSTURE VIS-A-VIS CUBA HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIAL AT WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA MEETINGS AND THAT GOE IS STRONG ADVOCATE OF OAS ALLOWING EACH COUNTRY TO DECIDE CUBA POLICY UNILATERALLY. SILVA SAID HE THOUGH MATTER WOULD COME TO A HEAD AT NEXT MFM. END FYI.)

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6. ON MORE GENERAL ASPECT OF HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS AND NEW DIALOGUE, LUCIO PRAISED MEXICO AND WASHINGTON MFM'S AND SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS THERE WITH U.S. HAD BEEN FRANK AND RESULTS POSITIVE.

7. COMMENT: LUCIO'S LINE ON LAW OF THE SEA STRIKES US AS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO "TERRITORIAL" SEA AS PART OF GOE POSITION, AND HIS

REFERENCE TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PATRIMONIAL, TERRITORIAL  
SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE APPROACHES AS BEING MERELY  
"TECHNICAL." THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME LUCIO HAS MADE THIS  
POINT. IN FACT, HIS SEPTEMBER 24, 1973 SPEECH BEFORE  
UNGA WAS MUCH ALONG THE SAME LINES, AS WAS HIS JANUARY 7,  
1974 OPENING ADDRESS TO SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.  
(QUITO A-7, JANUARY 22, 1974.)

8. LUCIO'S PUBLIC REAFFIRMATION OF THIS LINE TENDS TO  
CONFIRM WHAT GOE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TELLING US PRIVATELY  
FOR SOME TIME, NAMELY THAT MAIN GOE CONCERN IS RESOURCES,  
PARTICULARLY FISH, AND GOE CAN LIVE WITH FREE NAVIGATION  
BEYOND TWELVE MILES.

9. TO BE SURE ECUADOR IS ON A DIFFICULT LEGAL WICKET  
BECAUSE ITS CIVIL CODE ASSERTS A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL  
SEA AND, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, EVEN THOUGH ECUADOR  
ACCEPTS CONCEPT OF PLURALITY OF REGIMES, IT STILL INSISTS  
ON RESIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN 200 MILES. (SEE PAGE TWO  
OF LUCIO SPEECH ENCLOSED TO A-7 ABOVE.) BUT WE TAKE  
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOE'S INCREASING EMPHASIS ON RESOURCES  
WITHIN 200 MILES, THE ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO "TERRITORIAL  
SEA" IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY HIGH GOE OFFICIALS SINCE  
LUCIO'S UNGA SPEECH, AND THE GENERALLY POSITIVE POSTURE  
GOE HAS ADOPTED TOWARD FORTHCOMING CARACAS CONFERENCE.  
WHILE IT IS FAR TOO EARLY TO JUDGE FOR SURE, AND WE  
DON'T WANT TO UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE  
GOE MAY FIND ELEGANT WAY TO BACK OFF RESIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY  
APPROACH IF RESOURCE PACKAGE DEVELOPED IN CARACAS IS  
SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE. IF GOE CAN NOW USE TERMS  
"TERRITORIAL," "ECONOMIC" AND "PATRIMONIAL" INTER-  
CHANGEABLY AND REFER TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM AS  
TECHNICALITIES, THERE SHOULD BE SOME HOPE THAT WITH  
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